

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Katsuo Sugahara

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For: NI BASED ALLOY WITH EXCELLENT  
CORROSION RESISTANCE TO  
SUPERCRITICAL WATER ENVIRONMENTS  
CONTAINING INORGANIC ACIDS

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Examiner: J. R. Roe

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, finally rejecting claims 2, 3 and 27, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.